MR. CHAIRMAN: Satya Prakshji has said that he has no supplementaries to ask. But he must first put the question and then only the Minister can reply, Satya Prakashji. You put the question. Only then supplementaries can be allowed.

Use of Banned spoiled and Expired Drugs by the world University service Health center Delhi

*323. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings of the enquiries conducted by different agencies about the use of banned, spoiled or expired drugs by the World University service Health Centre of the Delhi University; and

(b) what action has been taken against the officials if found responsible for the use of discarded medicines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNAKUMAR): (a) and (b) According to the findings of the Delhi University, which administratively couducts World University Health Centres:

(i) No date expired and spoiled drug was issued to any patient.

(ii) A small stock of veganin tablets containing phenacetin was issued to the WUS Dispensary from the World University Health Centre Store on 18-4-1984. Balance stock was written off on 1-8-84.

According to the University authorities, no specific responsibility could be fixed on any particular officer for distribution of veganin tablets.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : विरोध में मैं पूरक प्रश्न नहीं पूछ रहा हूं ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. GURUPADASWAMY.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, this matter has been pending for a long time and there has been considerable amount ofcorrespondence between the Minister and the Members of Parliament. Is it a fact that one Dr. Suri was suspended from sunvice because he exposed the activities of certain officials who issued discarded drugs to the patients? Is it not fact?

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, the main question is about the enquiries conducted by different agencies about the use of banned, spoiled or time-expired drugs by this Centre. The inquiry has revealed that there have been about inspections and inquiries and these have determined that no banned, spoiled or time-expired drugs have been issued by this Centre to any patient and the inquiry reports are clear on this point, and the allegations have not been substantiated. The Ministry is aware *inter alia* that a doctor called Mr. Suri is under suspension.

SHI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Why? Because he exposed this?

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, I will require notice for this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. Dr. Bapu Kaldate.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: Sir, in the answer it has been mentioned that a small stock of veganin tablets were given. Can you tell me how much from that stock itself? you say that according to the University authorities no specific responsibility has been fixed. That stock has already been distributed, however small that stock may be and if it has been distributed by somebody, the responsibility for that lies definitely lies with somebody. Then why is the University saying that the responsibility does not lie with any body and that they cannot specify? The only point here is that since December 1983, this quesion has been coming up now and then in this House. I would like to ask the Government why, instead of going through all these methods, the Government why. instead of going thruogh all these methods, the Government does not go in for a full-

scale inquiry into what has happened in this particular Centre. Kindly answer the first and second questions of mine.

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, the total stock of Veganin tablets was 1,000 tablets received on 26-7-79 from M/S Warner Hindustan, and 100 tablets were issued in 28-5-83 and than on 18-4-84. And 400 tablets were written off on 1-8-84. It has been determined by the Ministry that this medicine is not considered a special item and as such there is no record there as to which patient was issued the medicine and which medical officer prescribed it. Under these circumstances, it is not possible to fix any responsibility. I would like to add. sir, that in the opinion of the Ministry none of the medical officers had done any culpable act or misdemeanour in this regard. That is the reason why the Ministry does not propose to take any further action than has already been initiated by the Delhi Administration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

*324. [*The questioner (Shri Suresh Pachouri) was absent.* For answer vide col. infra.]

Opening of an International Airport between Lucknow and Kanpur

*325. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is enormous demand from foreign tourists for opening an international airport between Kanpur and Lucknow;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a proposal of having an international airport between the above cities is expected to cater to the needs of the passenger and tourist traffic from the Arab countries; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a committee to look into the matter and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government has not received any demand from foreign tourists for opening an international airport between Kanpur and Lucknow.

(b) Due to the absence of demand, the need for examining such a proposal has never arisen.

(c) Government does not propose to appoint any committee for the present to look into the matter. It is not necessary to declare an Airport an International Airport to handle international operations.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, the International Indira Gandhi Airport is likely to commence in Delhi shortly which will handle tourist traffic from all over the world. Sir, you would see that after a few years the congestion to this airport is bound to be increased and for that we should be prepared to have another international airport where the flights can be diverted to ease the congestion at Delhi. Now, between Kanpur and Lucknow the concept is to grow as twin cities, as the distance is very short. So my first question is as to whether his Ministry has chalked out a long-term plan of limited air-traffic to Delhi and have another airport between the two cities of Uttar Pradesh to divert some of the flights there. Secondly, I would like to know as to whether any survey has been conducted by his Ministry with regard to the number of airports in other parts of the world as compared to India and, if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, whether he would like to have such survey.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: First of all, there is no need to have another international airport. We have now